

PERMISSION TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 1347, and that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1347) to permit the City of Cleveland, Ohio to convey certain lands that the U.S. conveyed to the city.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1347) was passed, as follows:

S. 1347

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this section, the term "fair market value" shall have the meaning provided that term by the Secretary of Transportation, by regulation.

SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO GRANT WAIVERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to section 47153 of title 49, United States Code, and section 3, the Secretary of Transportation may waive any of the terms contained in the deed of conveyance described in subsection (b).

(b) DEED OF CONVEYANCE.—The deed of conveyance described in this subsection is the deed of conveyance issued by the United States and dated January 10, 1967, for the conveyance of lands to the city of Cleveland, Ohio, for use by the city for airport purposes.

SEC. 3. CONDITIONS.

(a) FAIR MARKET VALUE OR EQUIVALENT BENEFIT.—As a condition to receiving a waiver under this section, the city of Cleveland, Ohio, may convey an interest in the lands described in section 2(b) only if the city receives, in exchange for the interest—

(1) an amount equal to the fair market value of the interest; or

(2) an equivalent benefit.

(b) USE OF AMOUNTS OR EQUIVALENT BENEFITS.—Any amount or equivalent benefit that is received by the city of Cleveland shall be used by the city for—

(1) the development, improvement, operation, or maintenance of a public airport; or

(2) lands (including any improvements to those lands) that produce revenues that are used for airport development purposes.

MEASURE PLACE ON THE CALENDAR—S. 1414

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 1414 be read for a second time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1414) to reform and restructure the processes by which tobacco byproducts are manufactured, marketed and distributed to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, and for other purposes.

Mr. CRAIG. I object to further consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the Calendar of General Orders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations which are at the desk: Joseph Brame and Sarah Fox.

I further ask unanimous consent that the Labor Committee be discharged from further consideration of Peter Hurtgen and Wilma Liebman and the Senate proceed to these nominations en bloc. I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Peter J. Hurtgen, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2001.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 16, 1997.

Wilma B. Liebman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 2002.

Joseph Robert Brame, III, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring August 27, 2000.

Sarah McCracken Fox, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years expiring December 16, 1999.

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, the long impasse over the membership of the National Labor Relations Board is finally broken. For the first time since August 1995, the Board will have a full complement of five confirmed members. As a result, the Board will have additional resources to handle the many important cases on its docket. There will be greater certainty in industrial relations, which is good for labor, good for management, and good for the country.

The nominees to be confirmed represent a balanced and fair package. The two Republican nominees, Peter Huertgen of Miami and J. Robert Bram

III of Charlottesville, VA, are distinguished management lawyers, with many years of experience in Federal court in the NLRB litigation, and I know they will make a significant contribution as members of that Board.

There are also two Democratic nominees, Wilma Liebman and Sarah Fox, both of Washington, DC. Ms. Liebman has served as Deputy Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service since 1994, and she has done an outstanding job. She helped to resolve dozens of disputes between labor and management, and worked effectively to administer the operations of the FMCS. Ms. Liebman also has extensive experience representing labor unions and their members. She brings a wealth of knowledge of labor-management relations to this position, and I am confident she will serve with great distinction on the Board.

I am particularly pleased that the Senate will finally confirm the nomination of Sarah Fox, who is well known to many of us in the Senate. From 1990 until January 1996, she served as counsel on the Labor Committee staff, and she did an extraordinary job on issues of vital importance to working families, especially in areas such as job safety and health, pension rights, fair wages, and reform of job training programs and the Davis-Bacon Act. She worked well with Senators on both sides of the aisle, and has been serving as a recess appointee on the Board. I have great respect to Sarah's ability, an commitment to public service, and I'm delighted by her confirmation.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar. Calendar items 180, 181, 248, 252, 332, 375, 384, 455, 457, 464, 467, 468, 469 through 483 and all other military nominations reported by the Armed Services Committee today.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions, and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Ernestine P. Watlington, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 1999.

John T. Broderick, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 1999.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Olivia A. Golden, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Nancy-Ann Minn Deparle, of Tennessee, to be Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration.